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SUBJECT: INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

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1. BELIEVE THAT SOME DATA REQUESTED BY SIGNETICS (INTERESTED IN CONSIDERING INVESTMENT IN MAURITIUS) MAY ALREADY BE ON HAND IN DEPARTMENT/COMMERCE. PLEASE REFER TO:

A) UNCLASSIFIED ENCLOURE TO EMBASSY'S A-091, 4/24/73; AND

B) PORT LOUIS A-150, 6/22/73.

LATTER AIRGRAM CONTAINS INFORMATION DEVELOPED FROM ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRST U.S. (ELECTRONICS) MANUFACTURER TO SET UP SHOP MAURITIUS. BELIEVE EXPERIENCES ENCOUNTERED BY THIS FIRM MIGHT ALSO APPLY TO SIGNETICS.

2. AS FOR WAGE RATES, MALE ASSEMBLY LINE WORKERS HAVE GENERALLY EARNED BETWEEN \$1.50-\$3.00 PER DAY, WITH FEMALE ASSEMBLY LINE WORKERS EARNING FROM \$.80 TO \$1.75. HOWEVER, SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WITH PRESENT MAJOR PAY INCREASES BEING PRESSED FOR THROUGHOUT MAURITIAN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, THESE WAGE RATES COULD BE INCREASED BY AS MUCH AS 30PERCENT IN VERY SHORT TIME.

3. TWO REFERENCED AIRGRAMS CONTAIN DATA ON LABOR CONDITIONS AND OTHER ITEMS IN THIS CATEGORY. POTENTIAL INVESTORS MIGHT NOTE THAT

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ALTHOUGH SHIFT WORK AND SATURDAY MORNING EMPLOYMENT IS COMMON,

MAURITIUS DOES HAVE SOME 23 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS PER YEAR.

4. EXPORT PROCESSING ZONE PAMPHLETS AND OTHER LITERATURE PRINTED
BY GOM AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BEING POUCHED
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